

St. Dorothy Express



Major School Change Consultation

A town hall meeting at the school was well attended on Monday, November 25th. Members of EMSB senior management and governance were on hand to address questions posed by members of the St. Dorothy community regarding the proposed merger of St. Dorothy and Our Lady of Pompei schools. A sub-committee of the St. Dorothy Governing Board has been meeting regularly to compose the brief to be submitted to the school board by December 16th. This brief will summarize our school community's position regarding the proposed merger. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to give their feedback regarding this issue. As well, many thanks to the members of the brief committee who have donated hours of their free time to working on this important document.

Governing Board

The next meeting will take place on December 12 at 6:30 pm in the staff room.

Ultimate Math Challenge

St. Dorothy will be participating in a special math enrichment initiative from the EMSB again this year. The project will promote teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills across the school board. This math league is essentially a yearlong competition that includes qualifying rounds, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals. Students from grades 3 to 6 have been selected to represent our school.

CTV Spirit of Giving

The CTV Spirit of Giving program has been a long lasting tradition at St. Dorothy. The Spirit of Giving team (Mme. Sandra, Ms. Christina, Mr. Marco, Ms. Anita and Ms. Alie) are preparing a week of activities which reflect on the important virtue of giving back and celebrating the true meaning of the season. From December 9-13 there will be a different event each day. Information with dates, times, activities and participation forms has been sent home. Please make sure to send back the forms so we can prepare enough materials for everyone. This year CTV will be live broadcasting from St. Dorothy School on December 13th at noon, while students and grandparents decorate gingerbread cookies together! Please remember to donate items for families in need in our community.

Holiday Season Dress Down Day

In order to raise money for families in our community, a dress down day has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th. As in the past, we will allow students to wear clothing other than the school uniform on this day. Students may dress in Christmas colours or wear a holiday-themed sweater, if they choose. In exchange for the privilege of not wearing their uniforms, students are asked to contribute a loonie or toonie toward the fundraiser. ***Students performing in the choir at Toy Tea must wear their school uniforms on this day.***

Toy Tea Performance

The students in the choir from Cycles 2 and 3 have been working very hard at lunch time to prepare for a special Holiday presentation. St. Dorothy's choir, with the collaboration of their music teacher, will participate in the 28th Annual Toy Tea on Wednesday, December 11 at Victoria Hall. A special thank you goes out to Mme Caroline for all of her hard work in getting the students ready for this special event.

Multicultural Food Fair

The Food Fair has become an annual tradition at St. Dorothy, hosted by our Grade 5 students. This year it will be held during the Spirit of Giving week, and feature traditional winter foods from around the world. All students in the school will get a chance to sample foods from various cultures, while learning about the countries of origin.

Breakfast with Santa

Once again, St. Dorothy students are invited to have breakfast with Santa on Thursday, December 19. For this special occasion, students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas for the day. This event could not take place without the collaboration of our PPO Committee. A special **Thank You** goes out to all of Santa's Elves for preparing this exciting event for all the students!

Children Love to Play in the Snow!

Now that winter has arrived, we ask that you ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Please note that the children go outside to play for recess whenever possible, with the exception of stormy weather or very cold temperatures/wind chill factors. Students should have the freedom to roll around and play in the snow during recess and lunch and therefore proper snowsuits, waterproof boots, hats, mitts and scarves must be worn. We ask that students have a pair of shoes in their lockers because they are not permitted to enter the classroom with their boots. They should also have an extra pair of socks and mittens in their lockers should they need to change. Thank you for your usual cooperation!

In the Event of a School Closure

In the event of a school closure due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, the announcement will appear on the **Twitter section posted on the EMSB website at www.emsb.qc.ca**. School closures will also be broadcast in the morning on all local stations and on the **EMSB info hotline at (514) 798-5606**

Le Doral Lunch Catering

We have been informed that as of January, 2020, Le Doral will no longer provide meals to St. Dorothy School. There are not enough families subscribing to this service to make it viable for the company to deliver to our school. More info will be sent home to families currently ordering from Le Doral regarding the school boards "Mini Bistro" lunch service. This hot lunch service is available to all St. Dorothy students.

B.A.S.E Daycare

The afterschool activities for the fall session are coming to an end as of December 9th. Upon our return in January parents will be notified about what type of activities will be offered in the winter sessions and when they will be taking place. The invoices for December will be sent home shortly and are due on December 18th. A reminder that all payments done before the Holidays will show on your income taxes for 2019, therefore please keep your payments up to date.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Sandra Petrillo at 514-381-1488.

Kindergarten Parent Corner

Every month, I will providing kindergarten parents with fun tips and suggestions to continue to promote a happy and smooth transition into both kindergarten and school. At times, I will also be providing general information about events in the community for families with young children.

3 points de service!	
Point de service Ouest 9480, rue Irène-Joly Coin rue Charland Vendredi 10h à 12h Samedi 13h à 16h	514 381-9974 Ouvert à l'année
Point de service Est 4121, 42e Rue Coin boul. Pie-IX, 2e étage Jeudi 13h à 16h Samedi 10h à 16h	 514 922-9974 Fermé durant l'été
Point de service Sud 2651, boul. Crémazie Est Coin 2e Avenue, 2e étage Samedi 10h à 13h	514 722-1211 poste 22 Fermé durant l'été

Joujouthèque St-Michel is an organization that houses a toy lending library in three locations for St. Michel families. For information about the locations and opening hours of the toy lending libraries, please see below. Families interested in borrowing games and books must pay **5.00\$** for a membership card that is valid for one year. Along with the membership card, families receive a monthly newsletter and invitations to a variety of activities associated with the organization.

The Joujouthèque St. Michel website provides information on family activities, videos on various community organizations in St. Michel and a community map of St. Michel. To access these resources, please visit the following website:

www.lajoujouthequetmichel.qc.ca

Candice Madden, Kindergarten Transition Agent, Student Services Department, EMSB.

Important Dates to Remember

Please see the attached calendar

I wish all of you a holiday season filled with happiness, health and good times. May 2020 bring all of us in the St. Dorothy community even closer together.

Denise Maroun, Principal

